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April 21, 2006 FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS

Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News contains the Statewide results of the April Cattle on Feed Survey.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Director*

IDAHO CATTLE ON FEED UP 4 PERCENT

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on April 1, 2006 totaled 250,000 head, up 4 percent from the April 1, 2005 inventory. The inventory was down 2 percent from the number on hand March 1, 2006. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during March totaled 42,000 head, down 2,000 head from March 2005 placements. Marketings during March totaled 45,000 head, down 8,000 from March 2005 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.8 million head on April 1, 2006. The inventory was 9 percent above April 1, 2005 and 10 percent above April 1, 2004. This is the highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.84 million, 5 percent above 2005 and 1 percent above 2004. Net placements were 1.75 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 380,000, 600-699 pounds were 342,000, 700-799 pounds were 565,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 550,000. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.96 million, down slightly from 2005 and slightly below 2004. Other disappearance totaled 90,000 during March, 32 percent above 2005 and 34 percent above 2004.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots^{1/}

State	Apr. 1, 2005	Mar. 1, 2006	April 1, 2006			
			Number	As % of 2005	As % of Mar.	
State and County Cattle Inventory, 2006	---1,000 Head---		---Percent---			
	Arizona	326	351	351	108	100
	California	500	550	535	107	97
	Colorado	1,020	1,090	1,070	105	98
	Idaho	240	255	250	104	98
	Iowa	455	520	500	110	96
	Kansas	2,340	2,610	2,590	111	99
	Nebraska	2,260	2,450	2,400	106	98
	New Mexico	113	143	139	123	97
	Oklahoma	325	365	360	111	99
	South Dakota	205	210	210	102	100
	Texas	2,620	3,010	2,940	112	98
	Washington	159	154	152	96	99
	Other States	310	315	315	102	100
	United States	10,873	12,023	11,812	109	98

^{1/}Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

A THANK YOU TO ALL IDAHO FARM AND RANCH OPERATORS

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